Third Member of Council.—

The present question does not refer to fees for grazing goats in State Forests. If you want to raise that matter, a separate question should be put.

BY MR. B. S. RANOJI RAO (Minority Interest, Bangalore).—

Q.—4. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether they have investigated into the possibilities of using khadder of suitable colours for the uniforms of officials in the Police and Excise Departments, for the dress of the menial establishments in the various Government offices where Government supplies such dress, for the dress of the in-patients in the various Government hospitals and for other uses in the hospitals such as towels, etc., for the dress of the Railway porters, and for dafter chowks and table cloths in the various offices ;

(2) if so, the result thereof in detail ; if they have not done so so far, whether there is any objection to their doing so ;

(3) whether the Government have passed orders that the Stores Purchase Committee should buy khadder goods for the purposes mentioned in (1) *supra* wholesale and supply them to the departments concerned;

(4) whether there is any objection to increase the number of the official members on the Stores Purchase Committee from 6 to 8 so as to include the Inspector-General of Police and the Excise Commissioner and the number of the non-official members from 2 to 4 and to elect two of such non-official members from the Representative Assembly ;

(5) whether they have passed orders directing the Stores Purchase Committee to buy the entire stock of khadder produced by the " Khadi Karyalaya," established by Government at Badanavala for distribution among the departments noted in para (1) above.

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—4. (1) Yes.

(2) and (3) It has been arranged to use as far as possible home-spun cloth of the Badanaval Centre for liveries of office servants, uniforms, clothing of ward boys, hospital linen, etc.

(4) No change in the strength or composition of the Committee is considered necessary.

(5) *Vide* answers to (2) and (3).

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. B. S. Ranoji Rao.—

Have the Government made enquiries as to the departments in which home-spun cloth can be used?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. B. S. Ranoji Rao.—

In which departments has such cloth already been supplied?

Second Member of Council.—

Arrangements are being made for using it in the Railway and one or two other departments. It will also be used for supplying clothing to menials in some offices.

Mr. B. S. Ranoji Rao.—

Why not in all the hospitals and jails?

Second Member of Council.—

That question is also under consideration.

Mr. B. S. Ranoji Rao.—

What is the difficulty in giving immediate effect to that idea?

Dewan.—

The whole output is being consumed.

Mr. B. S. Ranoji Rao.—

If so, why not obtain home-spun cloth from other centres?

Dewan.—

You must put a separate question.

Mr. S. N. M. Razvi.—

Why not use the same cloth for liveries, etc., in the Secretariat also?

Second Member of Council.—

It is proposed to use it in as many offices as possible.

Mr. S. N. M. Razvi.—

Why should not home-spun cloth be supplied to the Police Department also?

Second Member of Council.—

That is also under consideration.

BY MESSRS. B. MUNISAMAPPA (Bangalore Rural), B. SRINIVASIENGAR (Anekal Rural), H. GUBBIAH (Anekal Urban).—

Q.—5. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether detail traffic survey has been made of the Bangalore-Hosur Railway line;

(2) if so what is the quantity of goods traffic that is to be really short-circuited ;

(3) whether there has been any agreement between the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company and the Mysore Railways ;

(4) if so what is the proportion of the total short-circuited traffic allotted to Bangalore-Hosur Railway ;

(5) whether the detail traffic survey was previous to the agreement or after the agreement ;

(6) what Government now think of starting this railway line.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

A.—5. (1) Yes.

(2) 1,586,000 maunds or 58,600 tons.

(3) Yes; between the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, South Indian Railway and the Mysore Government.

(4) Out of a total of 58,600 tons estimated to be short-circuited, the Bangalore-Hosur Railway has been allotted 6,680 tons. Traffic to the extent of 26,700 tons has the option at the instance of the consignor of being booked by this route.

(5) After the agreement.

(6) The question is at present under consideration of Government.